

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electric connector for boards, comprising:

a housing, made of an insulating synthetic resin, including a connecting recess opened in a connecting direction; and

plural terminals retained laterally arranged in the housing,

wherein the housing further includes:

a pair of opposed side walls extending laterally so as to define a connecting recess therebetween,

plural terminal retainer recesses penetrating through respective side walls in the connecting direction,

plural partition walls for separating the adjacent terminal retainer recesses from each other, and

plural openings formed in outer side surfaces of ~~respective~~ both of the pair of opposed side walls, corresponding to respective partition walls,

wherein, through each the opening of the plural openings, a pair of the terminal retainer recesses adjacent to each other via one of the partition walls corresponding to the opening are opened to the exterior of housing.

2. (Original) The electric connector for boards according to claim 1, wherein the openings of the outer side surfaces of the side walls are arranged substantially in the vertically intermediate portions of the side walls.

3. (Currently Amended) A metal mold of injection molding, for forming a housing

of an electric connector for boards, wherein the housing has plural terminal retainer recesses penetrating through the housing in a connecting direction, comprising:

plural terminal retainer recess-forming ribs for forming the plural terminal retainer recesses; and

plural opening-forming pins, each interposing between a pair of adjacent terminal retainer recess-forming ribs, for forming openings in a pair of opposed side wall walls of the housing,

wherein, through each opening of the openings, a pair of the terminal retainer recesses adjacent to each other via a partition wall corresponding to the opening are opened to an exterior of housing.

4. (Original) The metal mold of injection molding according to claim 3, wherein the opening-forming pins are arranged substantially at the vertically intermediate portions of the side walls of the housing.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a housing of an electric connector for boards, wherein the housing has plural terminal recesses penetrating through the housing in the connecting direction, comprising:

injecting synthetic resin to a metal mold, wherein the metal mold comprises plural terminal retainer recess-forming ribs for forming the plural terminal retainer recesses, and opening-forming pins, each interposing between a pair of adjacent terminal retainer recess-forming ribs, for forming openings in a pair of opposed side wall walls of the housing; and

removing the opening-forming-pins wherein, through each opening of the openings, a pair of the terminal retainer recesses adjacent to each other via a partition wall corresponding

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to the opening are opened to an exterior of housing.